



# BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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UNIQUE SITE NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
QUAD \_\_\_\_\_  
SERIES \_\_\_\_\_  
NEG. NO. \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR NAME: Cynthia Howk DATE: Dec., 1994  
133 S. Fitzhugh St.  
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ORGANIZATION (if any): The Landmark Society of Western New York, Inc.

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### IDENTIFICATION

former

1. BUILDING NAME(S): Northrup Farm
2. COUNTY: Monroe TOWN/CITY: Greece VILLAGE: ---
3. STREET LOCATION: 956-958 Manitou Road
4. OWNERSHIP: a. public ☐ b. private ☒
5. PRESENT OWNER: \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_
6. USE: Original: farm/residence Present: farm/residence (2-family)
7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes ☒ No ☐  
Interior accessible: Explain private residence

### DESCRIPTION

8. BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard ☒ b. stone ☐ c. brick ☐ d. board and batten ☐  
e. cobblestone ☐ f. shingles ☐ g. stucco ☐ other: \_\_\_\_\_  
Roof = asphalt shingles. Foundation = targeted fieldstone.
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM: a. wood frame with interlocking joints ☐  
b. wood frame with light members ☒  
c. masonry load bearing walls ☐  
d. metal (explain) \_\_\_\_\_  
e. other \_\_\_\_\_
10. CONDITION: a. excellent ☐ b. good ☒ c. fair ☐ d. deteriorated ☐
11. INTEGRITY: a. original site ☒ b. moved ☐ if so, when? \_\_\_\_\_  
c. list major alterations and dates (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

(see continuation sheet)

12. PHOTO:

13. MAP:

"This site includes several barns and a big house. The house, however, is not very distinguished. A 'red minus' for the complex as a whole." P.Malo.

COLOR CODE

Red minus





14. THREATS TO BUILDING: a. none known ☒ b. zoning ☐ c. roads ☐  
d. developers ☐ e. deterioration ☐  
f. other: \_\_\_\_\_
15. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS AND PROPERTY:  
a. barn ☒-3 b. carriage house ☐ c. garage ☐  
d. privy ☐ e. shed ☐ f. greenhouse ☐  
g. shop ☐ h. gardens ☐  
i. landscape features: deciduous & coniferous trees/shrubs  
j. other: surrounded by cultivated fields & orchards.
16. SURROUNDINGS OF THE BUILDING (check more than one if necessary):  
a. open land ☒ b. woodland ☐  
c. scattered buildings ☒  
d. densely built-up ☐ e. commercial ☐  
f. industrial ☐ g. residential ☒  
h. other: agricultural
17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:  
(Indicate if building or structure is in an historic district)

(see continuation sheet)

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known):

(see continuation sheet)

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: c. 1852 - 1872
- ARCHITECT: not determined
- BUILDER: not determined
20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

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21. SOURCES: (see continuation sheet)

22. THEME: agricultural: farm residence & outbuildings.

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Front porch as been enclosed with 1/1, double-hung windows, and a modern concrete block foundation installed, c. 1940s-60s.

South porch has been enclosed with 6/1, double-hung windows, c. 1920s-40s.

Contemporary brick chimney on facade (west elevation), added c. 1960s-80s.

Contemporary casement window added to north elevation, c. 1970s-80s.

Contemporary, one-story, gable-roofed garage (attached) added to northeast corner, c. 1940s-50s.

Cobblestone and concrete patio on north elevation, added mid-20th century.

The interior has been remodeled and divided into two apartments, c. 1970s-80s.

17. This mid/late 19th-century, vernacular farmhouse is located on a 400-feet wide by 250-feet deep lot on the east side of Manitou Road in the northwest quadrant of the town. The house is set back from the road. The original well is located in the front yard (west of the house). A circular driveway is located on the north, east and south of the house. It leads to a large, contributing, early-20th-century, gable-roofed barn and a small, early-20th-century, gable-roofed shed to the east of the house. A non-contributing, late-20th-century, pole barn is located to the southeast of the house. The property has a number of mature deciduous and coniferous trees. To the north, east, and south are extensive acres of cultivated fields, with woodland farther east, and orchards farther south. The surrounding neighborhood retains its rural character, with scattered 19th- and 20th-century residences and farmsteads.

18. Two-story, front-gable-and-side-wing, frame farmhouse (c. 1852-1872) with a two-story, gable-roofed rear wing (east) and a one-story, gable-roofed attached garage. The front-gabled block is three-bays wide by four-bays deep. The

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side-gabled wing is three-bays wide by two-bays deep. The house stands on a pargeted fieldstone foundation. At the northwest (front) corner of the house, the pargeting is scored to resemble cut blocks of stone. Exterior walls are clad in wood clapboard. Fenestration is regular and symmetrical with 1/1, double-hung windows; the south porch has 6/1, double-hung windows. Two, second-story windows retains their original wood, louvered shutters, which are closed (northwest corner).

A one-story, shed-roofed, enclosed porch is located on the front of the house. It is situated on a modern, concrete block foundation. A second, one-story, shed-roof, enclosed porch is located on the south elevation. Both porches have been enclosed with double-hung windows above and wood clapboard siding below. The original porch posts are not visible.

The two-story, gable-roofed, rear (east) wing is two-bays wide and two-bays deep. Attached to the east (rear) elevation of this wing is a contemporary, gable-roofed garage that appears to have been added in the 20th century.

In addition to the historic farmhouse, the property includes two distinctive agricultural outbuildings:

**Contributing gable-roofed frame barn (early 1900s)**  
located to the east of the house. This large, unusually long barn is of frame construction with narrow, vertical wood siding. Metal and glass lightning rods top the roof's ridgeline. The west facade features a pair of original, wood-paneled, sliding track doors and a contemporary overhead garage door (appears to have replaced a second sliding track door here).

**Contributing gable-roofed, two-story shed (early 1900s)**  
located northeast of the house. This small shed/barn is used as a garage. It is sided with narrow, vertical wood siding. There are several small, square windows and an oculus window in the south gable.

**Non-contributing pole barn (c. 1980s)** located to the southeast of the house. This is a modern, gable-roofed pole barn apparently used for storage of farm equipment.



20. The former Northrup Farm is architecturally significant in the town of Greece as a distinctive farm property with the original farmhouse (c. 1852-1872) and several agricultural outbuildings. It is also historically significant for its association with the agricultural heritage of Greece. The property is important, as it has been in continuous use as a farm throughout its history and remained in the ownership of the Northrup family for over 80 years. Although under different ownership, the surrounding cultivated fields enhance the agricultural significance of this property.

The ell-plan, gable-roofed house is representative of the typical vernacular farmhouse built in Greece during the mid and late 19th-century. It is not clear whether this house is one of the buildings on the 1852 map, but it is shown on the 1872 map.

The 1852 county map shows this property owned by John and Charles Armstrong. Several buildings are shown, but it cannot be determined if the present house is one of them.

The 1872 county map shows this property as lot 31 with "P. Northrup" as owner. One building is shown; it is most likely this house. It is just southeast of Burritt Road.

The U.S. census reports a Northrup in Greece as early as 1830, when Joseph P. Northrup is listed. The 1850 census lists Joseph Northrup, age 44, farmer with five children: Philip, 13; George, 10; Joseph, 7; Marian, 4; and Mary A., 16. By the 1869-70 census, a second Northrup property-owner is listed: George W. Northrup, lot 62, a farmer and owner of a sawmill. The 1872 map shows four Northrup-owned properties in the town. The 1885 census shows Philip Northrup, a farmer with 90 acres, as well as three other Northrups (George W., Francis M. and Mrs. Celia).

The 1902 county map shows this property as lot 39, a 90.5-acre parcel owned by Philip C. Northrup. The house is the only building indicated on the site. To the north is Burritt Road and the railroad tracks beyond (installed in the late 1800s).

The 1924 county map shows this road as "North Town Line Road" and this site as a 90-acre parcel, now owned by "Geo. E. Northrup." Two frame houses and a large outbuilding (the current barn) are shown. The 1930 suburban directory lists George E. and Lottie Northrup on this road; he is listed as a farmer. The directory also lists Dwight and Ruth Northrup

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here (he may have resided in the second house shown on the 1924 map).

The 1959 county map lists this property as 968 Manitou Road (State Road 261). Burritt Road, Black Creek, and the New York Central Railroad tracks are to the north. The ell-shaped footprint of the house is shown, as well as the large barn to the east, a smaller frame outbuilding to the southeast, and another large frame outbuilding (barn?) to the northeast. D.P. Northrup is listed as the owner and the parcel contains 114 acres.

In recent years, the agricultural acreage surrounding the house/barn complex has been sold to Green Acres Farm.

21. See final report for bibliography; phone interview with tenant, Daniel Hance, 1/1995.

